Crops / Weeds	Pests	Potential biocontrol	agents
Water hyacinth	—	*Neochatina*	(2 speicies)
Salvinia	—	*Cyrtobaqous*	
Parthenium	—	*Zygogramma*	

Statement-II

B. Names and Addresses of the Government Agencies and Private Companies engaged in Production of Biological Control Agents

1. *GOVERNMENT*

Central Biological Control Stations:—

(i) Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh)

(ii) Surat (Gujarat) (iii) Solan (Himachal Pradesh) (iv) Faridabad (Haryana)

(v) Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) (vi) Raipur (Madhya Pradesh)

(vii) Bhubaneswar (Orissa) (viii) Sriganganagar (Rajasthan)

(ix) Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh)

(x) Bangalore (Karnataka)

(xi) Burdwan (West Bengal)

During 1989-90, about 1220 million biological control agents were produced by these stations and 2.5 lakh ha. crop area was controlled against various insect-pests of field crops.

2. *PRIVATE*

As per information available, there is only one private company producing biological control agents and it is Biocontrol Research Laboratories, a Division of Pest Control India Ltd.. 386, II Block, IV Main. Rabindranath Tagore Nagar. Bangalore 560 032 (Karnataka).

The Central Government does not monitor the production of biological control agents produced by private companies.

Pests resistant to DDT etc.

601. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several pests have developed resistance to DDT, paraquat, oindane and others and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the misuse of DDT in agriculture and in households continues to take place and if so. the details thereof; and

(c) what are the environmental and other hazards caused by the use of these pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Sir, in India. 27 insect pests are reported to have developed resistance to different pesticides. Out of this, 14 insect pests are of public health importance: 7 are crop pests and 6 are pests of stored grain commodities.

(b) The use of DDT in agriculture has been stopped.

(c) Some of the problems created by the improper use of pesticides are development of pesticide resistance pest resurgence, and excessive pesticides residues in different components of environment.